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### **Remarks**

The Office Action of May 20, 2004, has been carefully considered.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith et al. Smith et al. teaches an object-oriented document management and production system in which documents are represented as collections of logical components, or "objects", that may be combined and physically mapped onto a page-by-page layout. Stored objects are organized, accessed and manipulated through a database management system. At a minimum, objects contain basic information bearing constituents such as text, image, voice or graphics. Objects may also contain further data specifying appearance characteristics, relationships to other objects, and access restrictions.

There is a teaching of document construction entailing user access to parts of the document & then subsequent storage & handling of the document. The system includes breaking a document into document parts, storing these parts & utilizing specific object-oriented technology and homogenous system i.e. a DMBS to maintain the relationship of the parts.

In contrast, the present invention is directed to a complex application integration system, which manages the rules for sharing data, information, or document content across heterogeneous systems. Each of these heterogeneous systems may use different technologies as their design & interface basis. The Document Broker can translate between the technologies and localized logics. The data, information or document content is the usage rules as well as content which can be multimedia such as text, Images, voice, graphics, URLs, Object-oriented encapsulated objects, Proprietary data "containers", PDFs, ODBClinks, etc. So accordingly it is

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respectfully submitted that the present invention is not anticipated by Smith et al.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby directed to call Lloyd F. Bean, II, at Telephone Number 585-423-4520, Rochester, New York.

Respectfully submitted,



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